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For: METHODS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING  
COUPLED LIGATION AND  
AMPLIFICATION

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicant now responds to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2001 ("Action") and request entry of the following new claims.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

115. A probe suitable for ligation comprising: a 5'-end, a 3' end, a target-specific portion, a primer-specific portion, and an addressable support-specific portion located between the primer-specific portion and the target-specific portion.

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